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REPORTS PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES OF SSFA  
DURING LAST 6 MONTHS

Peiping, 17 April (Hsin-hua) -- At the first staff meeting of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Society, the following report was made by Ch'ien Chun-shui, head of the society, regarding its activities during the past 6 months:

Propaganda, Educational, and Friendship Activities

1. Welcomed representatives of Soviet cultural workers. When this society was organized, on 5 October 1949, there were in China, two representatives of Soviet Cultural Workers Society, Fadeyev and Simonov [these and following Russian names are approximations from the Chinese], participating in the organization of the society. During their one-month stay, they gave 57 lectures to a total of 77,200 persons in Peiping, Tientsin, Tsinan, Nanking, Shanghai, Mukden, and Harbin. They also spoke at 29 celebrations to an additional 563,200 persons. Their lectures contributed tremendously toward the Chinese people's understanding of the USSR. To commemorate their services, a special edition of our paper relating to their activities in China was published by the main office of the society.

2. Celebrated 32d anniversary of October Revolution in about 40 cities in China, and sent delegates to participate in ceremonies held in Moscow.

3. Celebrated Stalin's 70th birthday.

4. Sponsored speaking tours by seven Soviet educators. The first four lecturers, Nuzherkin and Koshidev, holders of Ph.D. degrees in biology and history, respectively; and Michaelova and Padelev both holders of the M. A. degrees in economics, are now on speaking tours in various cities. The other three lecturers are due to arrive in China toward the end of April.

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5. Celebrated the signing of the Sino-Soviet Friendship and Mutual Assistance Treaties.

Long-Range Friendship Activities

1. Publications. Besides the monthly publication Sino-Soviet Friendship, published by the main office of the society, similar literature is published by branch offices at the following places: Northeast, Dairen, Chahar, Tsingtao, Tsinan, Tientsin, Shanghai, Wu-hu, and Yang-chou. Branch offices at Harbin in the Port Arthur-Dairen area are publishing pictorial magazines.

2. Motion pictures. With the help of the USSR Foreign Cultural Society, so far the society has shown Soviet movies to a total of 893,434 persons in Peiping, Kalgan, Pao-ting, Hsin-hsiang, Cheng-chou, K'ai-feng, Sian, Pao-chi, Hsien-yang, Wu-kung, and Kao-ling. In various areas, the Soviet movies are regarded as a highly important source of education. The Peiping branch alone has shown the movies to a total of 202,759 persons during the first 3 months of 1950, and the Northeast branch had an attendance of 2,202,800 persons at showings during the past 6 months.

3. Held Soviet art exhibitions.

4. Conducted lectures, radio broadcasts, round-table discussions, songs, and dramas regarding the promotion of Sino-Soviet friendship.

5. Established Russian-language schools. The main office has a night school now in operation, which has 228 students who were selected to attend it. In the Northeast, there are 37 night schools, having a total of 3,870 students, while similar schools are located at Pao-ting, Kalgan, Shanghai, Hankow, Canton, Lan-chou, and Tsingtao. The Peiping Central Broadcasting Station also conducts classes in the Russian language by radio.

Branches and Membership

Virtually every province and very large city now has a branch office of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Society, and the membership of the society now totals 2,079,100. The Mukden branch has 9,686 members, the P'u-nsiang branch in Shantung Province has 2,052 members, and the Jehol provincial branch has 36,000 members.

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